

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A positive-pressure respirator hood and container assembly comprising,

a gas-impermeable hood made of a flexible material, formed with at least a transparent visor portion;

a gas treatment unit, comprising a filter and a power-operated blower capable to force air through the filter and generate a positive pressure within the hood;

a one-way purge valve for facilitating the exhaust of exhaled gases and moisture from the hood;

a sealing portion for sealingly securing the hood over a body portion of the user; and

a container for said hood;

wherein said hood is compactly received within said container; and

such that immediately upon wherein, prior to removing the hood from the container, opening the container causes said gas treatment unit is to be automatically activatable activated by at least one activating member interacting between the hood and the container, to thereby deploying the hood into an operative operating state and such

that said hood ~~becomes~~ is conveniently available to the user to provide protection from toxic gases and particulate material.

2. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where said container comprises a front and a rear cover, wherein separation of one cover from another allows opening the container and immediate deploying the respirator hood into the operative state.

3. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the body portion is a user's neck and where the sealing portion is a neck-engaging collar made of an elastic material.

4. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the sealing portion is designed to easily stretch over the head of the user and sealingly fit around the neck of the user after the hood is donned.

5. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the body portion is a user's torso and where the sealing portion is a torso-engaging and sealing wrap.

6. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 5, wherein the sealing wrap is adapted for elastic engagement over the user's torso.

7. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the respirator hood is adapted for wearing by an animal.

8. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises at least one detachable member articulated with an activating switch of the gas treatment unit, whereby detaching the member activates the power-operated blower.

9. (currently amended) A positive-pressure respirator hood and container assembly comprising

a gas-impermeable hood made of a flexible material, formed with at least a transparent visor portion;

a gas treatment unit, comprising a filter and a power-operated blower capable to force air through the filter and generate a positive pressure within the hood;

a one-way purge valve for facilitating the exhaust of exhaled gases and moisture from the hood;

a sealing portion for sealingly securing the hood over a body portion of the user; and

a container for said hood;

wherein said hood is adapted to be compactly received within a said container, and to be deployed into an

operative state automatically, whereby a user is provided protection from toxic gases and particulate material,

wherein the container comprises at least one detachable member articulated with an activating switch of the gas treatment unit, whereby detaching the member activates the power-operated blower, and

wherein the at least one detachable member is re-insertable whereby the power-operated blower is de-activated.

10. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the container comprises a front and a rear cover, at least one of which is articulated to an activating switch provided in the gas treatment unit.

11. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 10, wherein the front and rear covers are engageable into a closed position, wherein the respiratory hood and gas treatment unit are confined within the container in a gastight manner.

12. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the front and rear covers is fitted with a handle, to facilitate its detachment.

13. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, said assembly being deployable in a storage state and

an operative state; wherein at said storage state the hood and the gas treatment unit are sealingly received within said container whereupon opening the container immediately and automatically activates the gas treatment unit.

14. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 13, wherein the container is rigid.

15. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 13, wherein the gas treatment unit comprises an activating switch coupled via a toggle member to a portion of the container, whereby opening the container automatically activates the switch.

16. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 10, wherein the toggle member is attached to one of the covers by a latch.

17. (currently amended) A respirator hood and container assembly comprising,

a gas-impermeable hood made of a flexible material, formed with at least a transparent visor portion;

a gas treatment unit, comprising a filter and a power-operated blower capable to force air through the filter and generate a positive pressure within the hood;

a one-way purge valve for facilitating the exhaust of exhaled gases and moisture from the hood;

a sealing portion for sealingly securing the hood over a body portion of the user; and

a container for said hood;

wherein said hood is adapted to be compactly received within a said container and to be deployed into an operative state automatically, whereby a user is provided protection from toxic gases and particulate material,

wherein the container is part of an activating mechanism for deploying the hood into the operative state, and

the container comprises a front and a rear cover, at least one of which is articulated to the activating switch of the as treatment unit, and

wherein the latch ruptures upon opening the container.

18. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the protection from toxic gases, particles, line spray, or aerosols is protection from inhalation.

19. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the protection from toxic gases, particles, fine spray, or aerosols is protection from contact.

20. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, in which said gas treatment unit is provided with a mechanically activatable switch.

21. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the assembly is easily and conveniently carried in a purse or briefcase and/or stored nearby the user.

22. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the assembly fits within a standard office briefcase.

23. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the assembly is designed as a one-size-fits-all above age of three.

24. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the hood is designed to fit users of a size range from toddlers to large adults.

25. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the hood is designed to fit users regardless of head or facial features.

26. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, where the hood is designed to fit users who have long hair or wear eyeglasses.

27. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the gas treatment unit is fixed to the respirator hood.

28. (previously amended) An assembly according to claim 1, wherein the gas treatment unit forcibly supplies filtered air into the hood giving rise to pressure build-up therein.